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Application No: 09/461,974	)	Art Unit: Not yet assigned
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For: A System and Method for a Quality	)	
of Service in a Multi-Layer Network	)	
Element	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARK**

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment and to consider the following remark.

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